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TAGS: CDES: CPAS: REPORT OF DEATH: DAVID CHURCHILL CARTWRIGHT AND
KNUD ERIK HEE PEDERSEN.

SUBJ: REPORT OF DEATH

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1. DAVID CCHURCHILL CARTWRIGHT, BORN YOKOHAMA WASHINGTON ON
DECEMBER 23, 1921 OR 1920 AND KNUD ERIK HEE PEDERSEN BORN AT WALFORD,
CANADA ON FEBRUARY 20, 1933 DIED IN AIRPLANE CRASH AT ALTO DEL TOLDO
MUNICIPALITY OF GUARNE, ANTIOQUIA, COLOMBIA, AT APPROXIMATELY 5:15
P.M. ON FEBRUARY 22, 1975. THE PLANE WAS A CARGO CL-44 YUCUN
HK-1972 RENTED BY AEROCONDOR AIRLINES WHICH CRASHED 5 MINUTES
AFTER TAKING OFF FROM MEDELLIN AIRPORT ONLY 25 MILES FROM MEDELLIN.
THE PLANE WAS CARRYING GARNMENTS TO MIAMI.

2. CURRENT OFFICIAL REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE PLANE WAS COMPLETELY
DESTROYED BY THE CRASH AND BY FIRE. THE BODIES WERE RESCUED DURING
THE EARLY HOURS OF SUNDAY MORNING AND TAKEN TO MEDELLIN FOR
PREPARATION AND LEGAL ARRANGEMENTS BEFORE SHIPMEN TO THE US. THE
BODIES WILL BE SHIPED ON FEBRUARY 25, ON AEROCONDOR FLIGHT NO.198
ARRIVING MIAMI
2:15 P.M. CONSIGNEE TO FUNERAL HOME LOWE-HAWKS,
HIALEAH, FLORIDA.

3. THE CONSULATE CONTACTED AEROCONDOR OFFICES EARLY SUNDAY MORNING
AND HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THEM SINCE. AEROCONDOR OFFICERS
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INFORMED THE CONSULATE THAT CARTWRIGHT AND PEDERSEN FAMILIES WERE

PROMTLY NOTIFIED BY AEROCONDOR OFFICES IN MIAMI REGARDING THE
ACCIDENT AND DEATH

4. CARTWRIGHT WAS MARRIED TO CARROLL CARTWRIGHT OF 4170 BARGANZA RD.
COCONUT GROVE, FLORIDA AND HAD THREE CHILDREN.
NO PERSONAL DOCUMENTS OR PASSPORT WERE FOUND AT THE PLACE OF
ACCIDENT.

5. KNUD ERI HEE PEDERSEN WAS MARRIED TO MARCELLE PEDERSEN OF 4440
,N.W. 7TH STREET, MIAMI FLORIDA.

PEDERSEN'S NATIONALITY HAS NOT BEEN VERIFIED YET. THE DOCUMENTS
FOUND AT THE PLACE OF ACCIDENT SHOW THAT HE WAS IN POSSESSION OF A
BIRTH CERTIFICATE ISSUED AT PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN, REGISTRATION
NO.33-07009145 SOCIAL INSURANCE CARD. NO. 431-232198 OF CANADA&
SERGEANTS S MESS ROYAL CANADIAN FORCES, SUMMERSIDE P.E.I.
ISSUED SEPT. 20, 1971.
CANADIAN FORCES CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE, RANK GRADE SERGEANT,
SERVICE NO. 431-232-198 AND A FLORIDA DRIVER LINCENSE.

6. CARTWRIGHT AND PEDERSEN WERE ACCOMPANIED BY THREE COLOMBIAN
CREWMEMBERS AS FOLOWS: CAPTAIN JULIO ROMERO, PILOT, COLOMBIAN:
CAPTAIN CRISTOBAL RIPPOL, PILOT, COLOMBIAN AND AURELIO CRUZ,
ENGINEER, COLOMBIAN.
NO ONE SURVIVED.

7. THE COLOMBIAN CIVIL AIRONAUTICAL OFFICE IS CONDUCTING AN
INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF ACCIDENT. THE RESULTS OF
INVESTIGATION WILL BE RELEASED LATER.
UNOFFICIAL SOURCES STATED THAT THE ACCIDENT WAS CAUSED BY CLOUDY
WEATHER AND A SEVERE ELECTRICAL STORM. HOWEVER NO OFFICIAL REPORT
HAS BEEN ISSUED YET.

8. THE REPORT OF DEATH OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN WILL BE ISSUED FOR
CAITWRIGHT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

9. CONSULATE JUST INFORMED BY AEROCONDOR THAT KNUD ERIK HEE
PEDERSEN IS A CANADIAN CITIZEN.
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